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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John Clarke

John:

Thanks for your memorandum of 3 March 1964, subject: "BOB/NCS Planning Statement." I think that your approach to this problem is sound, and I have forwarded to a copy of the memorandum and its attachment.

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We would certainly be glad to cooperate with John McMahon in every way. However, I would like to put you on notice, if this is necessary, that I am strongly opposed to this Agency's participation in a centralized NCS budget upon which we would have to depend to operate our communications activity. Aside from the obvious administrative problems which such a system would involve, it would seem virtually impossible to get around the security problems which would confront us. As you know, our communications program consists of (1) staff communications, (2) clandestine communications, and (3) SIGINT. Perhaps in theory you could separate out the staff communications activity; in practice, however, this is next to impossible since our personnel and facilities generally are all used interchangeably to ensure the accomplishment of all our missions.

I am sure that you are familiar with these problems and perhaps many more, but I do hope that you will not allow us to get started down this road--if so, I fear we will eventually see the back of our own neck!

L. K. White

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